

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CAPTAIN JAMES H. PATTON, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of United States Naval Captain James H. Patton, Jr. Captain Patton passed away last year on September 27, 2021, at his home in North Stonington, Connecticut. I have had the distinct pleasure of connecting with Captain Patton over the years and can personally attest to his distinguished character, major contributions to policy conversations on our nation's submarine force, and participation and care for his local community.

Born on January 6, 1939, to James H. Sr. and Suzanne Patton in Norwood, Massachusetts, James had the spirit of a New Englander through and through. Due to his shrewd and strong character, it was no surprise that James went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1960. Upon graduation, James immediately set sail on his military career, dedicating the next 25 years of his life toward faithful leadership within our nation's Navy. It was during these years that he became an incredible bank of knowledge with respect to our nation's submarine force, serving on five nuclear-powered attack submarines, two ballistic-missile submarines, and commanding the USS *Pargo*. By the time of his retirement from the Navy, his merited service had earned him the rank of Captain as well as several accolades, including the Legion of Merit and the National Defense Service Medal.

Captain Patton's dedication to the strength of our nation's Navy was never intended to end with his retirement from the military. Upon his departure in 1985, our region became lucky enough for Captain Patton to discover North Stonington as a place to call his permanent home. As a newfound resident, Captain Patton would go on to leverage his extensive experience with the Navy and found his own advocacy firm, Submarine Tactics & Technology, Inc. It was through this medium and his several published materials that Captain Patton championed advancing the narrative on investing in our "Silent Service," directly contributing to our region's existence as a manufacturing powerhouse as well as the position of naval strength which we continue to benefit from to this day.

As a resident of North Stonington, Captain Patton made sure his outgoing personality also enriched his local community. For instance, he was not only a member of but a valuable contributor to the Naval Submarine League, North Stonington Lions Club and the Education Foundation. Truly, it was always in his nature to lend a helping hand.

Madam Speaker, as the representative of eastern Connecticut, I cannot think of a citizen

more outstanding than Captain James H. Patton, Jr. The quarter of a century dedicated to serving our nation is commendable by itself, but James continued to demonstrate exceptional civic duty even upon his initial retirement. Our entire southeastern Connecticut community continues to mourn his loss to this day. I find gratitude in the fact that his surviving family has stood strong in bearing the standard of his memory, namely, his wife Mary Patton, three children Terry Rhoads, John Patton and James Patton III, sister Mary Cobbett, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In particular, I have had the opportunity to get to know James III, who has followed the example of his fathers informed idealism to serve overseas to promote peaceful sustainable international development all over the globe. The invaluable contributions of Captain Patton's life and legacy will continue to impact our nation's security and his local community for generations to come. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Captain James Patton, Jr.'s incredible life of service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS JURY DUTY EXCLUSION ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Breastfeeding Mothers Jury Duty Exclusion Act of 2022, which would allow breastfeeding mothers summoned for jury service in federal court or in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to be excused from service for the period they are breastfeeding upon the individual's request. The benefits of breastfeeding are well-documented, and breastfeeding mothers should not be deterred from breastfeeding by jury service.

The District of Columbia Home Rule Act prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any law relating to title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 governs jury service. Therefore, this bill is necessary to provide this exclusion for both the federal and D.C. courts.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

REMEMBERING DR. JOEL B. WOOD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Joel B. Wood, who passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the age of 51.

Joel was born on July 19, 1970, in Wellsboro, PA, a son of the late Sonny and Twilla Wood.

He was a graduate of CV High School in Westfield, PA, and continued his education at Edinboro University receiving his BA in Business and English, and his MA in Counseling Psychology. He worked at Northshore Psychological Associates of Erie, PA where he was a Clinical Psychologist and a loyal advocate for his patients.

Outside of work, he was a history buff, especially for Presidential history. He loved visiting historical sites, museums, cemeteries, presidential gravesites, and maintaining the Packard family graves in Warren, OH. He was an avid flower gardener, a voracious reader, enjoyed listening to music, and had a great love for animals, especially cats.

Joel will be deeply missed by his partner, Charles Ohlin; brothers, Kenneth Lampman II and Dan (Lori) Wood; nieces and nephews, Summer (Jeff) Hunter, who he adored and mentored, Shane (Sarah) Lampman, Danielle (Aaron) Marsh, Morgan and Kyle Mills, and Olivia and Makenzie Lampman; many great-nieces and nephews; and his cats Josie and Simon.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIMBERLY VAUGHAN FIREARM SAFE STORAGE ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act. This legislation takes important steps to keep our children and our communities safe from unsecured firearms.

On May 18, 2018, Kimberly Vaughan was among eight students and two teachers who were shot and killed at Santa Fe High School in Texas. Thirteen others were wounded. The shooter was a 17-year-old who brought a shotgun and a .38 caliber pistol from his home to commit this heinous crime. Neither weapon was stored securely and placed the lives of all these students in jeopardy.

Sadly, school shootings like the one that occurred in Santa Fe have become horrifyingly familiar. In 80 percent of school shootings involving a shooter under 18 years old, the gun was taken from the home of family or friends. Some of these shootings may have been prevented if the weapons were securely stored and made inaccessible to minors. Unsecured firearms also increase the risk of unintentional shootings and suicide.

On average, eight children are killed every day by improperly stored or misused guns. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that if parents keep firearms in their home, all firearms should be locked, unloaded, and stored separately from ammunition. However, only 3 of 10 adults in households with children report storing all guns unloaded and locked up. It is estimated that 4.6 million

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